



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5434

January Session, 2005

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**AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES OF
POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIGHTERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF
DUTY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of any general statute, charter or special act affecting the
3 noncontributory or contributory retirement systems of any
4 municipality of the state, or any special act providing for a police
5 benefit fund or other retirement system, the surviving spouse of any
6 uniformed or regular member of a paid fire department or any regular
7 member of a paid state or municipal police department killed in the
8 line of duty shall be eligible to receive such member's base salary until
9 the date on which such member would have been eligible to retire
10 from service in the paid fire department or paid police department, as
11 the case may be, provided such salary shall be reduced by the amount
12 of any workers' compensation benefits payable to such surviving
13 spouse. On and after such date, the surviving spouse of such member
14 shall be eligible to receive the benefits such member would have been
15 entitled to receive and as are provided for in the retirement system in
16 which such member was a participant at the time of his or her death.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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APP *Joint Favorable Subst.*